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**AN APPEAL FROM AN UNFORTU-
NATE YOUNG WOMAN, WHO IS
NOW LANGUISHING IN THE JAIL
AT PARIS, TEXAS, AWAITING
TO BE TRIED FOR HER LIFE.**

To women and girls who enjoy free
sunshine:
"How careful then ought I to live,
with what religious fear; who such
a strict account must give, for my
behavior here."

It takes experience to make us
fully realize just the misery, the
regret, suffering and hardships that
are the result of just one mistake.
Yet those who have to undergo such
experiences ought to warn those who
are not in trouble to be careful to
shun such.

My awful plight is the result of
leaving home and dear ones being
persuaded to do so by one whom
I thought cared for me, but found

out later that he was a synonym
of cruelty; beating me repeatedly
with a banded club and finally be-
cause I did not give him sixteen
dollars which I had saved to re-
turn to my home, made an attack
on me with a knife and cut me in
the side; a wound, according to the
doctor, from which I will never re-
cover, and during the same difficulty
I wrested the knife from him and
struck him a blow which caused his
death. God is my judge, I never in-
tended to kill him but was protecting
myself. I spent my girlhood in a
home of good wholesome environ-
ments and the result of silliness
has brought poor me to this. No
one seems interested in me. I would
give my life to breathe free air again.
What woe, what misery, what sad-
ness must be the lot of the poor
unfortunate thoughtless. Oh! for
mother, home friends and loved ones.

God forgive me in my awful plight.
If nothing but the penitentiary or
gallows is my lot, I can simply say
"Heaven's morning breaks and earth's
vain shadows flee,
In life, in death Oh! Lord abide
with me."

ROENA ROBERTA WILSON.

**MANY KILLED AS POWDERVILLE
IS SWEEPED BY FLAMES.**

"Death Valley" District Wiped Out
"Boss" Evans Meets Death Gal-
lantly Defending Girl.

Night of Terror Follows Reign of
Lawlessness When Drink-Crazed
Mob Runs Amuck.

Powderville—Sixteen persons are
dead, fifty-four wounded and hun-
dreds homeless here to-day, as the
result of a riot and fire which was
the outcome of an order from "Boss"
Richard Evans, to "clean up" the
town.

Smouldering ruins, glowing bright-
ly against the dark background of
the Rampage hills, mark all that is
left of "Death Valley" which only
yesterday was known as the worst
"red light" district in the State.

In the business section, the gnarled
and twisted pile of sheet metal which
marks the ruins of the "Trumpet"
office, stands alone, a grim tribute
to the memory of the gallant news-
paper staff who for hours defended
the building against overwhelming
odds and only quit when their leader,
Richard Evans, was killed.

The trouble which resulted in open
anarchy, was the outcome of Evans'
orders to the denizens of the under-
world to vacate "Death Valley" and
"Little Hell," two districts where
crime has been rampant and unmo-
lested for more than a year.

Evans, who was the dominating fig-
ure in the history of Powderville,
owned the town, body and soul. The
land was his, the buildings were his
and up to yesterday the will of the
people was his.

In past months Evans was seen
nightly in the worst dives in town.
They yielded him huge rentals, and
he seemed to glory in the power he
wielded over the entire community.

Recently, however, he changed his
whole manner of living. The resorts
knew him no more, he spent most
of his time with his editor, Jack
Ripley, in the office of the town's
only newspaper, which was to have
published its first edition today.

He became almost fanatical in his
desire to make Powderville a decent
community, and Wednesday gave or-
ders that every gambling hall and
disreputable resort should close for
good, tonight.

What occasioned his regeneration
is a mystery which can only be sol-
ved by a mystery which can only

be solved by a trip to the HIGH
SCHOOL THEATER, 3211 Cochran
street, Monday and Tuesday, March
3rd and 4th, where "The Grand Pas-
sion" is now playing.

**Y. M. C. A. STUDENT CONFERENCE
FOR TEXAS AND THE SOUTH-
WEST.**

On account of the many vital ques-
tions that are confronting the stu-
dents and the student Y. M. C. A., in
our schools and colleges as we pass
through the period of re-adjustment,
the International Committee of Young
Men's Christian Associations, through
the Colored Men's Department, has
decided to call several important
student conferences at an early date.

One of these conferences will convene
at Prairie View, Texas, March 27-31,
1919. Delegates from all the schools
and colleges of the Southern Depart-
ment are expected to be present.
This Department embraces: Texas,
Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

A few men of national note will visit
the Conference. Besides prominent
Texans several important state lead-
ers will address the various ses-
sions. The following International
Secretaries will speak and conduct
conferences: Senior Secretary, Dr.

J. E. Moorland, Washington, D. C.;
Dr. C. H. Tobias, Executive Secretary
Southern Department, San Antonio;
Mr. R. F. Gribble, Texas State
Student Secretary; Mr. J. B. Watson,
International Industrial Secretary, Ala-
bama; Mr. C. L. Harris, Kentucky
State Colored Boys Work Secretary,
Louisville; Mr. L. E. Graves, S. A.

T. C., Secretary Colored Schools and
Colleges, Southeastern Department,
Atlanta and others. Prairie View
Normal and Industrial College,
through the kindness of Acting Prin-
cipal, Dr. J. G. Osborne, the fac-
ulty, Secretary I. K. Edmonds, the
Y. M. C. A., and the students in gen-
eral, will entertain and care for the
delegates, leaders and visitors dur-
ing their stay at the Conference. Wil-
liam Curtis Craver, International
Student Secretary will direct the
Conference.

**THE NATIONAL BAP. PUBLISHING
BOARD PRINTS ANOTHER
PUBLICATION FOR THE BEGINNERS
IN SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 24, 1919.
In keeping with their twenty-two
years' record of advancement the
National Baptist Publishing Board
of this city R. H. Boyd, Secretary,
has forged ahead once more by is-
suing the Sunday School a Be-
ginners' Quarterly. The first number
of this publication, has just come
from the press for April, May and
June, being for the second quarter
of 1919. It is a periodical for the
younger people in the school, and is

said to sandwich in between the
Catechism and the Primary Quarterly
because it has the uniform graded
lessons. The book is printed in 12
point type, the subject and motto
text are in 12 point caps, and each
lesson is limited over eight. The front-
piece shows a Colored child of the
beginner's grade. There are Bib-
lical illustrations throughout the pub-
lication for each lesson. Dr. Boyd
said that the Sunday School world
was demanding better literature for
the modern Sunday school and that
this board was determined to meet
this demand. The unique feature of
the publication is that on the last
two pages in the book is to be
found the Ten Commandments and
then the Lord's Prayer. The idea
is to instill these into the minds of
the beginners as they enter the school
from the Cradle Roll and Infant De-
partments.

**EIGHT HUNDRED TEACHERS
HEAR LECTURES DURING THE
WEEK. THE BOARD OF EDUCA-
TION GAVE AN OBJECT LESSON
THROUGH EMPLOYMENT OF
PROF. MCMURRY, AUTHOR AND
EDITOR—AMERICA'S FOR-
MOST TEACHER OF INTERNA-
TIONAL REPUTATION.**

By N. W. Harries.

Prof. McMurry, the author and
educator of international reputation,
was employed by the Board of Edu-
cation of this city last week to in-
struct the teachers in conducting lec-
tures, and to give lectures on the
subject of teaching by precise, con-
cise and concrete examples. The ob-
ject was of two-folds: First, to in-
dicate how an artist and expert in
their own profession would do the
work in which the teachers them-
selves were endeavoring to accom-
plish, just as skilled surgeon would
perform a difficult operation in the
presence of learned physicians and
medical students; Second, the art
of economizing time coupled with
real teaching, eliminating all un-
necessary big phrases and many
words that hide the instruction from
the view of the pupils.

It was a week of instruction for
the wide awake teachers of all grades
and of all ages and of all races, who
were wise enough to grasp a full and
heaping measure as this great teach-
er of teachers unfolded in a com-
mon, but precise and scientific man-
ner the principles underlying the
very basis and life of teaching
whether in the little cabin on the
hill side in the rural district, or in
the fashionable and up-to-date grad-
ed city school, or in the most ad-
vanced university of modern times.

Prof. McMurry has no frills in edu-
cational methods. He has a vast
background as a reserve, a store in-
exhaustible supply of abundances of



REV. L. B. SKINNER, Pastor,
Salem Baptist Church

Against whom the charges of a few weeks ago have been proven
false and who has received the hearty endorsement and best wishes of
the ministers of the city. An expression of what their opinion of him
is appears on page 5 of this issue.

genuine information, which is ever-
ready to come at his beck and call,
and knows how to use them, and in
this shows the average teacher that
she is missing the mark in many in-
stances. Many teachers must have
learned that they were weighed in
the balances and found wanting with
the hand writing still hanging on the
walls of their minds with no
need a Daniel to interpret this for
them. Each teacher was a law unto
herself, herself being the Daniel.
Prof. McMurry would take the pul-
pits of different grades or the grades
by groups and instruct the classes
in the presence of teachers, the class
being conducted on a great rostrum
where all could see and hear. Neither
pupils nor Prof. McMurry had any
books or notes, and of course
this was in the upper grades, such as
the six or the seventh. The teacher
would lead the class a piece, then
the pupils would lead, this work of
leading alternating in an art man-
ner, developing the idea of self ac-
tivity in those being instructed. Now
the teacher would illustrate or have
a pupil to volunteer his service,
here he fixes his point, then comes
the apt illustration of the venerable
teacher, shedding and flooding all
with abundant store of information,

history, men, art, genius and skill
concisely portrayed in Nature's ord-
er. He avoiding telling, or advancing
or begging the answer, allowing the
pupils to advance, but skilfully guid-
ing them. One would have thought
that the great McMurry had always
instructed the class so artfully did he
train them. "The teacher and pupils
were strangers, they had never met
before. Come together in the public
on a rostrum, to be quizzed. The
teacher began to talk in an easy and
pleasing manner, entering upon his
scientific mission, in a game with
the minds of the youth after the
manner of the Christ teacher, for
he based his theory and practice in
this one greatest of all teachers.
However, his basis was highly peda-
gogical and as well as psychologi-
cal.

He would have the pupils know
all things in a group and to know
everything in each individual in the
group. He stressed this one fact
in all his timely lectures to all class-
es and grades of teachers.

The Board of Education certainly
did a most commendable and prais-
eworthy act in bringing Prof. Mc-
Murry to Dallas to instruct the
teachers. We would appreciate it
and profit by the much needed in-
struction.